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MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Montana Library Association met in Helena, May 6, 7, 8, 1976, at the Colonial Hilton. Total conference attendance was 318. New officers elected were: President, Geneva Van Horne, Associate Professor of Education, University of Montana, Missoula; Vice President, Alene Cooper, Librarian, Great Falls Public Library; Secretary, Rita Schmidt, Librarian, Loy Elementary School, Great Falls; Treasurer, Helen Anderson, Fort Benton.

Division chairmen are: School Library Media Division, Diane Boom, Media Coordinator, Park High School, Livingston; Academic and Special Libraries Division, Karen Hatcher, Associate Librarian, University of Montana Library, Missoula; Trustees Division, Dr. John Parker, Bozeman; Public Libraries Division, John Sandy, Extension Librarian, Parmly Billings Library. ALA Councilor is Alice McClain, Director, Montana State University Library, Bozeman. PNLA representative is Margaret Hileman, Librarian, Bozeman Public Library.

BLAINE COUNTY LIBRARY

The new Blaine County Library, Chinook, was dedicated May 2, 1976. John H. Stephens, Blaine County Commissioner and vice-chairman of the library board, welcomed guests, patrons and speakers.

Don Gibson, Glendive, representing the Montana State Library Commission, gave the dedicatory address. Mrs. Leona Jensen, Librarian, expressed appreciation to the board and staff.

Mrs. Alma Jacobs, State Librarian, offered congratulations. Douglas Rudd, assistant librarian in charge of the Pathfinder Federation bookmobile, also spoke. Blaine County Library is a member of the Pathfinder Federation.

The Blaine County Library began as a Carnegie library in Chinook in 1913.

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

Montana State Library Commission met at Montana State Library on Thursday, June 17, 1976, to discuss Referendum 70, the proposal for state funding of one mill statewide for public libraries in federations, which will appear on the November ballot.

Meeting with the Commission members were federation coordinators and liaison librarians from the six headquarters libraries. Since Montana State Library Commission will administer the funds under Referendum 70, the meeting was held to clarify procedures and policies.

Commissioners present for the meeting were the chairman, William Conklin, Don Gibson, Earle Thompson, Mrs. Mabel Watt and Dolores Colburg.

Coordinators and liaison librarians present were Peg Hileman and Janice Thomas, Broad Valleys Federation; William Snyder and Barbara Rudio, Tamarack Federation; Alene Cooper and Sue Littlepage, Pathfinder Federation; Bob Cookingham and Mollie Mattison, South Central Federation; Donna Kuhn, Sagebrush Federation; Mary Moore and Gary Jacobson, Golden Plains Federation.

PEOPLE Mrs. Dorothy Thole, assistant librarian, Hill County Library, Havre, died earlier this month in Havre.

Mrs. Alberta Titus, former Administrative Officer at Montana State Library, is now the Coordinator of Planning and Library Development. Mrs. Titus was Administrative Officer for 18 months after coming to Montana from Napa State Hospital, Imola, California, where she was librarian.

The new Administrative Officer at Montana State Library is William Lofstrom. Bill received his MLS from the University of Southern California and Fullerton State University. He was formerly on the faculty at Fullerton as Assistant Director of the Oral History program and with Partners for Progress setting up libraries in Mexico and Central America. Bill comes to Montana State Library from the National City Library where he was city reference librarian.

Mrs. Ruth Kohl Solie is the new Head of Reference at Montana State Library replacing Lynne Stevenson. Ruth received her MLS from the University of Chicago. Ruth was formerly in the Department of Special Collections, University of Chicago Library and Head Acquisitions Librarian, Center for Research Libraries, Chicago.

The new Coordinator of Library Services at Montana State Library is Mrs. Mina Hoyer. Mina received her MLS from Indiana University. She formerly coordinated the establishment of 25 new penal libraries and 5 legal library collections as Chief of Library Services, Illinois Department of Corrections, and was previous Coordinator of General Materials and Services, Milwaukee Public Library.

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL Montana State Library Advisory Council met on Friday, June 18, 1976, at the Library. The Council, appointed by the Governor, advises the Montana State Library Commission on the expenditure of LSCA funds.

Present for the meeting were the chairman, Brother John Federowicz, C.S.C., Helena; Mrs. Lynn Giles, Twin Bridges; Mr. R. Budd Gould, Missoula; Mrs. Kay Griffith, Missoula; Mrs. Inez Herrig, Libby; Mrs. Norma Kay Isern, Lewistown; Mr. James Nybo, Helena; Mrs. Virginia Schulte, Glendive; Mrs. R. D. Warden, Great Falls.

FILMS PLUS Conrad Public Library, Conrad; Flathead County Free Library, Kalispell; and Great Falls Public Library, Great Falls, have been chosen to participate in the FILMS PLUS project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

During the ten-month period from March 1 through December 31, 1976, the libraries will show the following film series free to the general public: The Six Wives of Henry VIII, The Search for the Nile, Tom Brown's School Days, and The Spoils of Poynton.

The project, developed by the Modern Language Association and Time-Life Films, is meant to stimulate more effective use of the library as a humanities resource by encouraging the reading of library books related to the project's film series.

MSL SERVES THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED A free national library service providing braille and recorded materials for blind and physically handicapped persons is administered by the Library of Congress, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. With copyright permission granted by authors and publishers, the Library of Congress selects and produces full-length books and magazines in braille and on recorded disc and cassette. These books and magazines are then distributed to a cooperating network of 54 regional and nearly 100 subregional (local) libraries that circulate them to eligible borrowers.

Montana State Library is a regional library for the blind and physically handicapped. Reading materials are sent to readers and returned to libraries by postage-free mail. Established by an act of Congress in 1931 to serve blind adults, this program was expanded in 1952 to include children, and again in 1966 by Public Law 89-522 to include individuals with physical impairments that prevent the reading of standard print.

Anyone who is unable to read or use standard printed materials as a result of visual or physical limitations may receive the service.

For further information contact Montana State Library, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 930 East Lyndale, Helena, MT 59601.

ALA PRE-CONFERENCE — An ALA preconference institute, Mainstreaming the Exceptional Child in the Library will be held July 15-17, 1976, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in Chicago.

Dr. Burton Blatt, Director of the Division of Special Education and Rehabilitation at Syracuse University and President-Elect of the American Association on Mental Deficiency, will be the keynote speaker.

For further information, contact the Health and Rehabilitative Library Services Division, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago IL 60611.

BOZEMAN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY — The new library at Bozeman Senior High School is a beautiful, well-planned facility that is being used and appreciated by students and faculty.

It is a modern library with windows that frame majestic views. Edna Berg, Librarian, has carefully considered the arrangement of the areas for use by students and faculty, as well as arrangements for books, periodicals, media materials and equipment, instructional use and storage.

LIBRARY DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND — A reminder to librarians and library trustees: SB 194 passed by the 1975 Legislature allows a governing body of any city or county or a combination of city and county in Montana to establish a library depreciation reserve fund for replacement and acquisition of property, capital improvement and equipment necessary to maintain and improve library services.

Moneys for library depreciation reserve fund are those funds which have been allocated to the library in any year but which have not been expended by the end of the fiscal year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION — The following are opportunities for library staff and trustees development: "Native American Materials in Libraries," August 2-5, University of Oklahoma. Contact: The University of Oklahoma, Off-Campus Classes, 1700 Asp Ave., Norman, OK 73069; "Studies in Librarianship: Practical Law Librarianship for the Non-Academic Law Librarian," August 9-13, Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver. Contact: James Foyle, GSL, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado 80210; "More Powerful Mailing Programs," Des Plaines, Holiday Inn, August 17-18, Arlington, Stouffer's Inn, September 13-14, Los Angeles, Holiday-Inn Airport, September 16-17. Contact: Center for Direct Marketing, 53 Hermit Lane, Westport, Connecticut 06880; "The Librarian and the Law," Atlanta, Clairmont Emory Inn, December 11-12. Contact: Division of Librarianship, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia 30322.

LIBRARY EMPLOYEE RELATIONS NEWSLETTER — Dr. Philip Harris, Associate Professor of Management at the Baruch School of Business and Public Administration of the City University of New York University, announces the publication of an "insider"

newsletter on library personnel management and collective bargaining.

The newsletter will deal with problems of controlling skyrocketing costs of salary and fringe benefits for personnel and methods of handling both union and non-union employees; confidential interviews with library trustees and directors who will spell out their successes and problems; detailed analyses of recent grievances which went to arbitration; current writings in the library field.

For further information, write to Library Employee Relations Newsletter, 54 Margaret Ave., Lawrence NY 11559.

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MLA TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR AWARD — John Stephens was presented the Montana Library Association's Trustee of the Year Award at the 1976 Conference. Mr. Stephens, Blaine County Commissioner, was responsible for the two new library buildings in Blaine County - Harlem Public Library and Blaine County Library at Chinook.

Mr. Stephens' contribution to library development will long be remembered.

ALA CONFERENCE — The 95th annual conference of the American Library Association will be held July 18-24, 1976, in Chicago. ALA is 100 years old this year, and special opening night festivities are planned on Sunday, July 18. The program promises to be exceptional. Celebrate a century - go to ALA.

MLA AWARDS — Richard T. Rate, Superintendent of Fort Benton elementary schools received the School Administrator of the Year Award.

Marie MacDonald, who retired this year as librarian of Glendive Public Library, was given a life membership in Montana Library Association.

SPECIAL AWARD — Montana State Library Commission presented Inez Herrig, Librarian, Lincoln County Free Library, Libby, with a plaque in recognition of her dedication to the development of federations. Mrs. Herrig was Coordinator of Northwest Federation, the first federation organized in the state. Northwest Federation has now merged with Tamarack Federation, and Lincoln County Free Library provides satellite services to that federation.

Alma S. Jacobs, State Librarian

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